

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/804,047

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed 31 Jan 2006 and 24 February 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7-11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 32-53.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest a configurable vibration sensor comprising, in combination with the other recited elements, a digital communications interface coupled to a processor, for facilitating the communication of at least data between the processor and a computer adapted to receive digital input, and a power regulator, wherein the digital communications interface and the power regulator are coupled to the computer through a shared communications medium adapted to transmit power and data, and wherein in operation, the power regulator receives power through the shared communications medium for supply to one or more components of the configurable vibration sensor.

The prior art of record also fails to teach and/or suggest a configurable vibration sensor comprising, in combination with the other recited elements, an external communications interface coupled to a processor and a power regulator coupled to the processor, wherein an enclosure permits the configurable vibration sensor to be coupled to an external device only through at least one of the external communications interface and the power regulator; and wherein each of the one or more sensor circuits comprising a vibration sensing element and a variable bandwidth filter coupled thereto; and wherein each variable bandwidth filter of the one or more sensor circuits is controllable by the processor such that operation of each variable bandwidth filter is variable by the processor.

The prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest a system comprising a plurality configurable vibration sensors, at least one of the configurable vibrations sensors comprising, in combination with the other recited elements, one or more sensor circuits, one or more analog-to-digital converters; and a processor coupled to the one or more analog-to-digital converters, wherein each of the one or more sensor circuits comprises a vibration sensing element and a variable bandwidth filter coupled thereto, and wherein each variable bandwidth filter is controllable by the processor such that the operation of each variable bandwidth filter is variable by the processor and especially wherein the plurality of configurable vibrations sensors are coupled to a computer through a bus connection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rose M. Miller whose telephone number is 571-272-2199. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

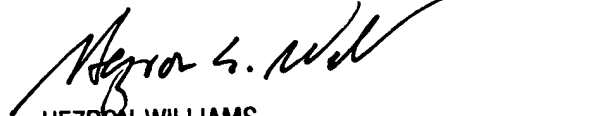
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams can be reached on 571-272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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